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Mr. Ronnie Carr
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Dear Mr. Carr:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of May 11th concerning the Humbert gold bar.

We could not find factors proving this piece to be a modern fabrication and, of course, we cannot condemn a piece unless we can prove it to be not authentic. I always tried to follow this principle.

Edward Gans once quoted Dr. Jacob Hirsch, who in turn repeated a lesson he had learned from his teacher Furtwaengler: "If you are absolutely convinced, say so. If you are in doubt, and you pronounce a coin to be genuine which later on turns out to be a fake, it will be considered as an error, and it will be forgiven eventually. But if you pronounce a coin to be a fake which later on turns out to be genuine, that will always be judged as a crime."

With best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

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Curator
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